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SUBJECT: EC ECONOMIC & SOCIAL COMMITTEE DELEGATION PLANS TO
VISIT WASHINGTON

1. SUMMARY. A DELEGATION OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL
COMMITTEE OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY, HEADED BY ITS
PRESIDENT ALFONS LAPPAS, WILL VISIT WASHINGTON JUNE 11-12.
THE DELEGATION WISHES TO DISCUSS EC- US RELATIONS, PARTI-
CULARLY INTERNATIONAL TRADE ISSUES, WITH OFFICIALS OF
THE DEPARTMENT AND OTHER USG AGENCIES CONCERNED. END SUMMARY.

2. IN ADDITION TO LAPPAS, DELFO DELFINI, THE COMMITTEE'S
SECRETARY GENERAL, AND HELMUT RIES, CHIEF ASSISTANT TO
LAPPAS, WILL BE MEMBERS OF THE DELEGATION. THEY ARE
INTERESTED IN MEETING APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS OF THE
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DEPARTMENTS OF STATE, LABOR AND COMMERCE, MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL OF ECONOMIC ADVISERS, AND OFFICIALS OF THE COUNCIL ON INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC POLICY, FOR GENERAL DISCUSSIONS ON EC- US RELATIONS, WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO INTERNATIONAL TRADE QUESTIONS. LAPPAS, WHO IS A MEMBER OF THE GERMAN DGB EXECUTIVE BOARD AND A LEADER OF THE EUROPEAN TRADE UNION CONFEDERATION (ETUC), ALSO WISHES TO DISCUSS CURRENT EUROPEAN TRADE UNION DEVELOPMENTS.

3. BACKGROUND. THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMITTEE (ESC) IS AN EC ADVISORY BODY WHICH IS COMPOSED OF 144 " REPRESENTATIVES OF THE VARIOUS CATEGORIES OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL LIFE " IN THE EC MEMBER STATES, INCLUDING WORKERS, EMPLOYERS, FARMERS, ARTISANS AND OTHER INTEREST GROUPS. THE EEC TREATY REQUIRES THE ESC TO BE CONSULTED ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COMMON AGRICULTURAL POLICY (CAP) AND ON SOCIAL POLICY. IT MUST BE CONSULTED, FOR EXAMPLE, ON THE FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT OF WORKERS, ON THE RIGHT OF ESTABLISHMENT, ON THE FREEDOM TO PROVIDE SERVICES, ON TRANSPORT QUESTIONS, ON THE HARMONIZATION OF LEGISLATION, AND ON MATTERS CONCERNING THE EUROPEAN SOCIAL FUND. SIMILARLY, IT MUST BE CONSULTED UNDER THE EURATOM TREATY ON A NUMBER OF ISSUES RELATING TO NUCLEAR ENERGY AND RESEARCH MATTERS. (RECENTLY, FOR EXAMPLE, THE ESC HAS BEEN CONSULTED ON AGRICULTURAL PRICES AND INCOMES, ON THE GENERAL ECONOMIC SITUATION IN THE COMMUNITY, ON TRADE RELATIONS WITH THIRD COUNTRIES, ON THE EUROPEAN COOPERATION FUND, AND COMMUNITY TRANSPORT POLICY.)

4. IN ADDITION, THE COMMITTEE MAY BE CONSULTED ON THE INITIATIVE OF EITHER THE COUNCIL OR THE COMMISSION IN CASES THE INSTITUTION CONCERNED CONSIDERS TO BE APPROPRIATE. IN PRACTICE THIS HAS MEANT THAT ALMOST ALL ISSUES ARE REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE FOR ITS COMMENTS BEFORE BEING ADOPTED. THE COMMITTEE' S ROLE IN THE COMMUNITY WAS STRENGTHENED BY THE EC SUMMIT MEETING IN PARIS LAST OCTOBER WHEN THE COMMITTEE WAS GIVEN THE " RIGHT OF INITIATIVE." AS A RESULT, THE ESC CAN NOW TAKE THE INITIATIVE IN MAKING POLICY PROPOSALS, IN ADDITION TO COMMENTING ON PROPOSALS PUT BEFORE IT BY THE OTHER COMMUNITY INSTITUTIONS.

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5. COMMENT: LAPPAS IS ENDEAVORING TO TRANSFORM THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMITTEE INTO A MORE DYNAMIC COMMUNITY INSTRUMENT. IN THIS CONNECTION, HE HAS EMBARKED ON A ROUND OF VISITS TO MEMBER STATE CAPITALS IN AN EFFORT TO INCREASE UNDERSTANDING OF THE COMMITTEE' S FUNCTION AND TO DESCRIBE ITS UNIQUE ROLE, REPRESENTING AS IT DOES VARIOUS INTEREST GROUPS IN THE COMMUNITY.

6. LAPPAS IS ALSO INTERESTED IN A DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE MEMBERS OF HIS COMMITTEE AND THEIR COUNTERPARTS FROM LABOR, INDUSTRY, AGRICULTURE, AND OTHER INTEREST GROUPS IN THE UNITED STATES. IN PURSUIT OF THIS OBJECTIVE, HE PLANS TO DISCUSS IN WASHINGTON A POSSIBLE ESC- SPONSORED VISIT TO THE COMMUNITY BY AN AMERICAN GROUP WHICH WOULD INCLUDE REPRESENTATIVES OF US INTEREST GROUPS SIMILAR TO THOSE REPRESENTED IN THE ESC.

7. IN ADDITION TO HIS VISIT TO THE US IN HIS CAPACITY AS PRESIDENT OF THE EC ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMITTEE, LAPPAS ALSO EXPECTS TO JOIN UP WITH DGB PRESIDENT HEINZ VETTER WHO IS PLANNING TO VISIT WASHINGTON AND A NUMBER OF OTHER CITIES DURING JUNE. (HOLVER, LAPPAS' OFFICE IN BRUSSELS HAS INFORMED US THAT THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR VETTER' S VISIT, WHICH ARE BEING MADE FROM BONN, ARE STILL INCOMPLETE.) LAPPAS' VISIT TO THE US AS PRESIDENT OF THE ESC IS BEING ARRANGED BY THE EC COMMISSION DELEGATION IN WASHINGTON.

8. ACTION REQUESTED. THE MISSION WOULD APPRECIATE THE DEPARTMENT' S EXTENDING APPROPRIATE ASSISTANCE TO THE EC COMMISSION DELEGATION IN ARRANGING A SUITABLE PROGRAM FOR PRESIDENT LAPPAS AND HIS DELEGATION.

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